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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter  
13, Part 6, relative to the Cordell Hull birthplace.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-13-601 (a), is amended by deleting the language "the Tennessee historical commission" and by substituting instead the language "the department of environment and conservation".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-13-602, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) The administration, operation and maintenance of the Cordell Hull birthplace and all surrounding property which has been deeded to the state is hereby vested in the department of environment and conservation, division of parks and recreation.

(b) The Cordell Hull birthplace shall be operated, managed and administered as an autonomous entity by the department, and shall in no instance be attached to any state park or other entity for management or administrative purposes.

(c) The department shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary for the efficient operation, administration, and maintenance of the Cordell Hull birthplace.

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SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-13-603, is amended by deleting the language “The Tennessee historical commission” and by substituting instead the language “The department of environment and conservation”.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-13-604, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) The department of environment and conservation shall allocate and fund two (2) full-time positions for the operation, management and administration of the Cordell Hull birthplace.

(b) The department shall employ an executive director, who shall serve in such capacity for both the Cordell Hull birthplace and the Alvin C. York state historical grist mill. The department shall also employ one (1) additional person who shall perform maintenance and promotional assignments and responsibilities exclusively for the Cordell Hull birthplace.

(c) The department shall establish qualifications and experience and educational requirements for the executive director and the maintenance/promotion employee.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-13-605, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) The department of environment and conservation shall enter into all necessary agreements with the state library and archives to ensure the preservation of the historical papers and personal correspondence of Cordell Hull for posterity.

(b) No historical paper or item of personal correspondence shall be removed from the Cordell Hull birthplace without the express written consent of the Friends of Cordell Hull, the successor organization to the Cordell Hull birthplace and memorial association and the true owner of such collection. Such historical papers and items of personal correspondence may only be removed from the site with the stipulation, agreed

to by the Friends of Cordell Hull, the executive director and the borrower, of a specific date for the return of such item or items.

SECTION 6. The provisions of this act shall become operative only if specific funding is provided therefor in the General Appropriation Act for fiscal year 1997-1998.

SECTION 7. For the purpose of employing the personnel mandated by this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.